

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Franz Esser *et al.*

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For: COMPOUNDS AND METHODS FOR TREATING URINARY INCONTINENCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with the instant application and no fees are due herewith. If it is determined, however, that any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment, authorization is hereby given to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2955. In addition, applicants also request that any subsequently filed reply requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission be treated as if it incorporated such petition for an extension of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) and hereby authorize that any fees due in connection therewith be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2955.

Prior to commencing examination, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the marked up version of the specification which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.